

Places and Transportation

Teaching

Follow these rules of capitalization:

- In geographical names, capitalize each word except articles and prepositions. Geographical names include the names of continents (*Antarctica*), bodies of water (*Danube River*), islands (*Philippines*), mountains (*Ural Mountains*), other land forms (*Devil's Tower*), world regions (*Far East*), nations (*Russia*), states (*Georgia*), cities (*Atlanta*), and streets (*Peach Street*).
- Capitalize the names of planets and other specific objects in the universe. Do not capitalize *sun* and *moon* or *earth* when it is preceded by *the*.

Mercury Andromeda Galaxy Halley's Comet

- Capitalize the words *north*, *south*, *east*, and *west* when they name particular regions of the country or world, or when they are parts of proper names. Do not capitalize words that indicate general directions or locations.

South Carolina The bus turned west on Main Avenue.

- Capitalize the names of specific buildings, bridges, monuments, and other landmarks.

Statue of Liberty Grand Central Station

- Capitalize the names of specific airplanes, trains, ships, cars, and spacecraft.

Maine Challenger

Capitalizing Names and Places

Underline the words that should be capitalized in each of the following sentences.

If the item is capitalized correctly, write **Correct** on the line.

1. If space travel were possible, I would surely visit mars. _____
2. The taj mahal in india must be a wondrous sight. _____
3. When we went to boston, massachusetts, last month, I enjoyed seeing the *u.s.s. constitution*. _____
4. Can you name two countries in southeast asia? _____
5. My grandmother has never left her home state, Texas. _____
6. One continent no one in my family has visited yet is africa. _____
7. The tower bridge in london crosses the thames river. _____
8. Wouldn't it be exciting to walk along the great wall of china? _____
9. Because the dead sea is so salty, it is easy to float in it. _____
10. If you travel west from st. louis, you will eventually reach the rocky mountains. _____

Lesson
3**Places and Transportation****More Practice****A. Recognizing Words That Need Capitalization**

Underline the words that should be capitalized in each of the following sentences.
If the item is capitalized correctly, write **Correct** on the line.

1. When visiting san francisco, don't miss golden gate park. _____
2. The mormon trail began in nauvoo, illinois, and ended in salt lake city. _____
3. Will the northwest tollway take us to lake geneva? _____
4. As we headed southeast, we saw the western edge of the alleghenies. _____
5. Charles Lindbergh flew the *spirit of st. louis* across the atlantic ocean to paris. _____
6. Explorer David Livingstone named victoria falls, which is on the zambezi river. _____
7. On the west side of the Capitol is the National Mall. _____
8. Napoleon Bonaparte was exiled to saint helena, a small island in the south atlantic ocean. _____

B. Capitalizing Names of Places

Write the words that should be capitalized in each sentence.

1. Lewis and Clark explored the louisiana territory, traveling west from st. louis.

2. The statue of liberty was a present given to the united states by france.

3. The second largest city in russia is st. petersburg, which is located by the gulf of finland.

4. In B.C. 239, the appearance of halley's comet was recorded in china.

5. In florida, I'd like to see cape canaveral, where the *freedom 7* spacecraft was launched.

6. Before the fall of the berlin wall, berlin was divided into east berlin and west berlin.

Application

Underline the words that should be capitalized in the following paragraph.

Come with me to new orleans. This exciting city is located in the southeast corner of louisiana on the mississippi river. It was founded by the French in 1718 and was named for a regent of france. Probably the most well-known area of the city is the french quarter. In the center of the french quarter is jackson square, where you can see a statue of Andrew Jackson on horseback. Jackson defended new orleans during the War of 1812. jackson square is surrounded by the saint louis cathedral and two former government buildings, the cabildo and the presbytière. The french market, a building with many shops, is east of the square on decatur street. The ursuline convent, thought to be the oldest building in the mississippi valley, stands on nearby chartres street. Many people flock to bourbon street to hear jazz and see its famous French and Spanish architecture.

Write a paragraph about a vacation or trip you have gone on or would like to go on. In a short paragraph, name and describe at least four places—natural features, states, bodies of water, streets, or landmarks—that you saw or would like to see on your trip. Be sure to capitalize their names correctly.

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